## **OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

## MEETING OF COUNCIL – 9 JULY 2024

## SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS

ITEM/TIME	ITEM	PROPOSALS (M = Motion; SEC = Seconder; Am = Amendment S = Statement; Q = Question; REC = Recommendation to be determined)
1	Minutes	
10:30	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2024 ( <b>CC1)</b> and to receive information arising from them.	
2	Apologies for Absence	
3	Declarations of Interest	
4	Official Communications	
10:35 5 mins	Burford on-call firefighter Steve Edginton has been awarded the British Empire Medal in the latest King's Honours list for his dedication to	
	the town's residents over more than forty years.	
	A list of other Oxfordshire award recipients recently honoured by the King is attached as Annex 1.	
	Our Banbury Community Support Service (part of our adult social care team) won the MJ Award for innovation in children's or adults' services. It was in recognition for their work to create an accessible, inclusive pub room – Cheers M'Dears! – at the day centre in Neithrop.	
	The Chair would like to highlight the following events she has attended and others are listed in Annex 1 of the Schedule of Business -	

5	<ul> <li>21/05/2024 At the Annual Council Meeting, Oxford: Executive Assistant held cake sale and raised £71 for My Vision, Parkinsons UK henley, Banbury and Oxford Branches and Earth Trust</li> <li>11/6/2024 Thame Wreath Laying, Thame – Chair attended</li> <li>24/6/2024 Armed Forces Flag Raising Day, Oxford – Chair's event</li> <li>26/6/2024 Oaken Holt Care Home, Farmoor – Chair attended</li> <li>26/6/2024 Armed Forces Week, County Hall – EA held cake sale and we raised £52 for RAF Associations, RAF Benevolent funds and SSAFA.</li> <li>3/7/2024 Earth Trust Rose ceremony, Little Wittenham – Chair's event</li> <li>Appointments</li> </ul>	
6 10:40 45 mins	Petitions and Public Address Any person may address the Council on an item on the agenda subject to the provisions in CPR 10.2 of the Constitution Petitions – 1 ½ minutes to speak Public Address – 1 ½ minutes to speak on this occasion (reduced from 5 minutes due to the number of speakers at the discretion of the Chair – CPR 10.3)	Petitions Dan Glazebrook: Oxpens Bridge John Hill: Agreements between the Council and Oxford United lain Johnson: Proposed stadium and road closures Public Address Item 14: Motion by Cllr Brighouse Katie Nellist Terez Moore Cathy McClelland Item 16: Motion by Cllr Povolotsky

		Derek Stork
		Sheenagh Broadbent
		Ashley Smith
		Stephen McKechnie
		Owen Sutcliffe
		David Marsh
		Wilcox Robert
		Item 17: Motion by
		<u>Cllr Reeves</u>
		Luke Ingram
		Ruth Trevitt
		Stuart Bartlett
		Terez Moore
		Item 18:
		Motion by Cllr
		Gawrysiak
		Robert Aitken
		lan Reissmann
		Item 21: Motion by
		Cllr Povolotsky
		Pete Nellist
		Item 28: Motion by
		<u>Cllr Sudbury</u>
		City Cllr Lois
		Muddiman
7.	Questions from Members of the Public	
11:25	See Annex 2 for questions and responses.	
	One supplementary question allowed for	
10 mins	each.	
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	1. Zaheer lqbal	Cllr Gant
	2. Lizzie McHale	Cllr Roberts
	3. Peter George	Cllr Gant
	4. Peter West	Cllr Gant
	5. Emily Scaysbrook	Cllr Gant
	6. Graham Jones	Cllr Roberts
	7. Richard Parnham (Supplementary - Remote)	Cllr Roberts
	8. Bernadette Evans	Cllr Gant
	9. Nick Alcraft (Supplementary -	Cllr Howson
	Remote)	
	10. Julian Le Vay	Cllr Gant
	11. Yola Drage	Cllr Roberts
	12. Alberto Brunelli	Cllr Roberts

	13. City Cllr Ian Yeatman (N	0	Cllr Gant
	Supplementary) 14.City Cllr Saj Malik (No		Cllr Roberts
	Supplementary) 15.City Cllr Anne Stares (No Supplementary)	0	Cllr Gant
8	Questions with Notice from Me	mbers of the	
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30 mins	See Annex 3 for questions and re	•	
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	<ol> <li>Povolotsky to Gant</li> <li>Povolotsky to Gregory</li> <li>Cherry to Gant</li> <li>Phillips to Gant</li> <li>Corkin to Gregory</li> <li>Corkin to Gregory</li> <li>Corkin to Gregory</li> <li>Elphinstone to Gant</li> <li>Fenton to Howson</li> <li>Fenton to Gant</li> <li>Reeves to Levy</li> <li>Reeves to Howson</li> <li>Ford to Roberts</li> <li>Ford to Gant</li> <li>Reeves to Roberts</li> <li>Corkin to Roberts</li> <li>Field-Johnson to Sudbu</li> <li>Pressel to Gant</li> <li>Middleton to Levy</li> <li>Middleton to Levy</li> <li>Middleton to Sudbu</li> </ol>	-	
9	Report of the Cabinet (Pages 9	-14)	
12:05	Leader (Cllr Liz Leffman) P	g 9: ltem 1	Q Enright Q Brighouse
30 mins		ltem 2 ltem 3	Q Pressel Q Brighouse Q Baines
	P	g 10: Item 4 Item 5 Item 6	Q Pressel Q Saul

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	Community & Corporate Services (Cllr Neil Fawcett) Pg 11: Item 7 Item 8 Finance (Cllr Dan Levy) Pg 11: Item 9 Pg 12: Item 10 Item 11	Q Phillips Q Baines Q Phillips Q Baines Q Baines Q Baines Q Enright Q Hicks
	Item 12	Q Enright
	Transport Management (Cllr Andrew Gant) Pg 13: Item 13	Q Hicks
	Public Health, Inequalities & Community Safety (Cllr Nathan Ley) Pg 13: Item 14	Q Elphinstone
	Reports from Scrutiny Committees Pg 13: Item 15	
10	Annual Report of the Oxfordshire Joint	M Hanna
12:35	Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Pages 15-42)	SEC S O'Connor
10 mins	Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2	S Pressel
	Council is RECOMMENDED to receive and note the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Annual Report set out in Annex 1.	
11	Committees and Review of Political Balance (Pages 43-52)	M Chair SEC
12:45		SLC
15 mins	Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2	
	<ul> <li>Council is RECOMMENDED</li> <li>a) To note the review of political balance of committees to reflect the election of a new councillor, Peter Stevens, at the Sutton Courtenay and Marcham by-election on 20 June 2024 and the resignation of two members, Cllr Kevin Bulmer and Cllr Jane Murphy, from the Conservative Independent Alliance.</li> </ul>	

	<ul> <li>b) To appoint members to the committees of the Council listed at Annex 1. A fully populated list with nominations from the political groups for the vacant seats will be circulated ahead of the meeting.</li> </ul>	
12	Independent Persons (Pages 53-56)	M Smith
13:00	Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2	SEC Baines S Pressel
10 mins		
	Council is RECOMMENDED to extend the appointments of Mr Martyn Hocking and Mr Nicholas Holt-Kentwell in the role of Independent Persons for Oxfordshire	
	County Council until 30 November 2024	
13	Special Urgency Decisions (Pages 57-60)	M Leffman SEC Sudbury
13:10	Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2	S Hicks
10 mins		
	<ul> <li>Council is RECOMMENDED to note</li> <li>a) the use of Special Urgency for a Key Decision on 23 May 2024 and</li> <li>b) the exemption from Call-in of a Key Decision made by Cabinet on 14 May 2024.</li> </ul>	
13:20	LUNCH	
30 mins		
14	Motion by Councillor Liz Brighouse	M Brighouse SEC Baines
13:50	Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2	SEC Barries S Corkin S Phillips
60 mins	This Council no longer has confidence in the Leader of the Council.	S Enright S Cherry S Edosomwan S Reeves
	There have been repeated failures allied to a persistent sense that her administration refuses to engage in meaningful dialogue with elected members, trade unions, other Councils and public sector partners, as well as the residents, businesses and community groups that are increasingly subjected to decisions taken by the minority administration in the Council's name.	S Rouane S Snowdon

		S Gant
	This Council records its particular failure to:	
	<ol> <li>Keep members and parents abreast of improvements to its SEND provision following last year's Ofsted-CQC determination;</li> <li>Its stance towards the Housing Infrastructure and Growth ('HIF') deals that have eventuated in an expensive and unnecessary public enquiry; and</li> <li>Its perceived conflict of interest on the lease of 'the Triangle' to OUFC.</li> </ol>	
	The Council is extremely concerned by the view of the Leader that there has "been enough consultation" regarding major transport changes in Central Oxfordshire. Public consent for these schemes is absolutely essential. This requires an inclusive process to engage residents on congestion, including a Citizens Assembly, to inform future changes.	
	Where concerns have been raised in connection with delivering the democratically agreed 2024/25 budget, upholding the code of conduct, a failure to maintain cabinet responsibility, protecting the spare seats scheme, processing EHCPs and cuts to Autism Family Support over the last 12 months, the administration has been far too ready to engage in deflection tactics and victim-blaming, rather than engage with solutions.	
15	Motion by Councillor Ian Middleton	M Middleton SEC Bennett
14:50	Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3	S Field-Johnson
10 mins	minutes, CPR 15.4.2	
	Many people in Oxfordshire who live in flood prone areas watch the skies with trepidation. In some communities even moderate amounts of sustained rainfall can cause significant flooding that overwhelms outdated	
	flood relief infrastructure. This is often poorly	

	<ul> <li>maintained and constructed with no central plan for water management. Sewers are also regularly overwhelmed with infiltration from surface water, causing sewage to leak: putting public health at risk as well as properties.</li> <li>As the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), the Council has a responsibility to respond to these risks and work with other local authorities to develop flood management plans. We also assess how any new developments will impact on flood prone areas. That role is now more crucial as climate change increases the likelihood and frequency of heavy downpours and flooding across the county.</li> <li>In the face of these urgent pressures, our powers of intervention are limited by out of date and inadequate guidelines set by central government. These include developers only having to prove that they won't make flooding worse, rather than helping to alleviate the problem in known flood risk areas.</li> <li>Council calls on the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and other responsible agencies to work with us to : <ol> <li>Urgently review national planning guidance and legislation on flood prevention.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Provide more powers to LLFAs to prevent or limit developments in known flood risk areas</li> <li>Require developers to contribute to reducing existing risks in flood prone areas as part of any new development.</li> </ul>	
16	Motion by Councillor Sally Povolotsky	M Povolotsky SEC Field-Johnson
15:00	Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2	S Middleton
10 mins	This council notes that:	
	<ul> <li>Thames Water (TW) has been releasing untreated sewage into Oxfordshire rivers and chalk streams for 20+ years.</li> </ul>	

15:10		SEC Simpson S Bennett
17	Motion by Councillor Eddie Reeves	M Reeves
	• This council reaffirms its objection to the design for SESRO (South East Strategic Reservoir Option) given the ambiguity of the costs, environmental and human impacts to this county.	
	Thames Water, suspending bonuses, bringing charges for polluting the eco system and urgently evaluate the pros and cons of the renationalisation of Thames Water. We call for an urgent public inquiry into the WRMP 2024.	
	<ul> <li>Requests the Leader writes to the Secretary of State (DEFRA), urging His Majesty's Government to urgently place full regulatory and administrative limits on</li> </ul>	
	• This chamber, its members and residents have no confidence in Thames Water's competence as a sewerage undertaker or maintainer of infrastructure for the current and growing population of this county.	
	<ul> <li>TW's Water Resource Management Plan (WRMP) isn't fit for purpose and needs urgent scrutiny by this government and the regulator.</li> <li>This council resolves that:</li> </ul>	
	• TW's request to increase consumer bills at 44% over the next 5 years is extortion and a clear show of poor business management after decades of collecting payments and connection fees and neglecting to use them to maintain and improve the network.	
	• TW is not sustainable without direct intervention and renationalisation by government.	
	• TW's sewerage service is beyond inadequate. With illnesses on the rise, bringing serious risk of death, administrative change is needed, these failures are a public health issue.	

	Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3	S Howson
20 mins	minutes, CPR 15.4.2	S Snowdon
	This Council has not historically run its Spare Seats scheme for school bus places in an optimal way. Parents and carers have too often been left in an unenviable position further to changes, with elected members often left in the dark about changes affecting schools in their divisions. According to the Oxford Mail (22 May 2024), there is a record low number of buses and coaches being used on Oxfordshire's roads. Parental choice remains an important principle of the current education settlement and will remain so unless changed by an incoming government. Whilst such a principle remains, it is important that this Council does all it can to facilitate transport to preferred schools at a reasonable cost or on a revenue-neutral basis. The Council's Spare Seats scheme has aimed to do just this. However, there appears to be increasing uncertainty as to whether it will continue in the same form. Indeed, letters to parents from this Council cancelling services	S Graham
	have been sent as recently as 11 June 2024. The Council requests a briefing for elected members on the current Spare Seats settlement and requests that the Leader and relevant Cabinet Member(s) bring a report to Cabinet (such report being subject to pre- scrutiny) to address how existing numbers of school bus places can be maintained and, where possible, increased. In the meantime, this Council requests Cabinet to work with parents, schools and bus companies to ensure continuing provision of affordable school bus places.	
18	Motion by Councillor Stefan Gawrysiak	M Gawrysiak
	Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2	SEC Povolotsky
	In December Oxfordshire County Council removed 7 beds from the Chiltern care home.	

	minutes, CPR 15.4.2 Council requests Cabinet to consider approving the Councils for Fair Tax declaration.	
19	Motion by Councillor Mark Cherry Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3	M Cherry SEC Baines
19	wish to remove the beds.	Mchorn
	<ul><li>3. Asks partners to seek to reinstate the 7 Chiltern Court Beds serving South Oxfordshire.</li><li>4. Conduct a consultation if they still</li></ul>	
	This Council requests that Cabinet:	
	2. Believes these beds which serve a population of 140,000 of South Oxfordshire should be reinstated.	
	1. Deplores the removal without consultation	
	This Council:	
	These beds are NHS beds which cannot be removed without consultation.	
	"The beds have not 'lost NHS funding', "The beds continued to be overseen by the Oxford University Hospital Hub team."	
	Dr Broughton interim Chief Executive of the ICB BOB states 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	
	Following FOI requests to the Integrated Care Board Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire Berkshire West (ICB BOB) and the Council we have firmly established that these beds are NHS Beds funded by ICB, the Council and Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust and cannot be closed without consultation.	
	These beds were originally provided as NHS beds.	
	These beds were removed without any consultation with the GP's who run them, Henley Town Council and the community of South Oxfordshire and Henley. This lack of consultation by the Council is unacceptable.	

	<ul> <li>This commits Councils to <ul> <li>Lead by example and demonstrate good practice in our tax conduct, right across our activities.</li> <li>Ensure IR35 is implemented robustly and contract workers pay a fair share of employment taxes.</li> <li>Not use offshore vehicles for the purchase of land and property, especially where this leads to reduced payments of stamp duty.</li> <li>Undertake due diligence to ensure that not-for-profit structures are not being used inappropriately by suppliers as an artificial device to reduce the payment of tax and business rates.</li> <li>Demand clarity on the ultimate beneficial ownership of suppliers, UK and overseas, and their consolidated profit &amp; loss position, given lack of clarity could be strong indicators of poor financial probity and weak financial standing.</li> <li>Promote Fair Tax Mark certification especially for any business in which we have a significant stake and where corporation tax is due.</li> <li>Support Fair Tax Week events in the area, and celebrate the tax contribution made by responsible businesses that are proud to promote responsible tax conduct and pay their fair share of corporation tax.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
20	Motion by Councillor Charlie Hicks Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2	M Hicks SEC Baines S Rouane S Fenton
	This Council believes that:	

	1. The Council needs to do more to increase public involvement of Oxfordshire communities on decisions around the future of transport. Too many residents feel that their views and experiences have been ignored.	
	2. To bring the public into the room, we need a public deliberative process to empower residents to shape the future of transport in Oxfordshire. This is now possible thanks to the 2024/25 budget amendment by Oxfordshire Labour.	
	Council requests Cabinet to:	
	3. Deliver a Citizens' Panel, made up of a representative group of local people, picked by an independent organisation using a fair and transparent process, to be a direct public accountability function to the Cabinet for the traffic filter trial. The Panel should first meet before the traffic filters are implemented and again multiple times through the traffic filter Experimental Traffic Regulation Order trial period, conducting a deliberative process with input from a range of stakeholders. It should be focused on whether the traffic filter trial is working and should make recommendations to Cabinet on what changes should be made during the trial, whether the filters should be made permanent or not, and next steps regarding "core schemes".	
	This process will ensure that the lived experiences of residents are directly factored into future decisions about the traffic filters. To bring the whole public along with the process, it should be publicised widely (e.g. via Youtube) and the wider public should have the ability to provide input.	
21	Motion by Councillor Sally Povolotsky	M Povolotsky
	Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2	
	In September 2023, Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission declared their judgment	

22	Champion to enable seldom heard voices in the SEND community to feed into SEND improvement and services, and that person to sit on the SEND Improvement board.	M van Mierlo
	<ul> <li>PAP, LAP, and SEND improvement, are open to all young people with the attendance of their parent or carer.</li> <li>5. Launching a rapid task force for the voice of the young person and SEND users, and task them to create a framework for a Youth Forum within 3 months of this meeting date.</li> <li>6. The leader to appoint a SEND</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>that affect young people, must include an impact assessment, and ensure there are mitigation measures in place for those youth groups that might be negatively impacted by a new policy or framework.</li> <li>4. Ensuring all future events, in person/online, run by or funded by OCC, especially those related to the</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>people.</li> <li>Council calls on Cabinet to consider;</li> <li>1. Meaningfully involving young people and youth organisations throughout all policy-making processes within SEND improvement and the PAP. Co- management and co-creation structures are the best way to ensure direct participation.</li> <li>2. Any consultations or engagement with young people by this council must have a visible public follow-up to the outcomes.</li> <li>3. All Council policies and frameworks</li> </ul>	
	post inspection that the Local Area Partnership (LAP) had multiple systemic failures. Despite the Priority Action Plan (PAP), the Council is failing to meaningfully engage with and capture the voice of the user, our young	

	The adopted Local Transport and Connectivity Plan aims to make walking, cycling, public and shared transport the natural first choice. The Director of Public Health's Annual Report states such initiatives have benefits for both physical and mental health – directly through increased physical activity and indirectly through cleaner, less polluted air.	
	To achieve this important shift, walking and cycling must be made safer. In January 2022, the government introduced new rules on the 'hierarchy of road users', clarifying that pedestrians and cyclists going straight ahead at a junction have priority over traffic waiting to turn into or out of a side road, unless road signs or markings indicate otherwise.	
	Unfortunately, no funds were given to implement these new rules and few alterations have been made to the road network to reflect these changes on our roads in the past year and a half. This council resolves to ask the Cabinet Member for Transport Management, in conjunction with the Director of Highways and Operations, to consider the formulation of a plan to gradually migrate the signs and lines to mirror the new guidance at the same time that regular planned line refreshes are taking place.	
23	Motion by Councillor Ian Middleton	M Middleton
	Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2	
	In 2018 this council passed a motion stating that it was opposed to the licensing of a badger cull in Oxfordshire.	
	When DEFRA announced that badger culling would be phased out by 2025, many people believed that the cull had ended. Sadly, culling in Oxfordshire intensified, seemingly with the intent of shooting as many badgers as possible before the deadline. Over 50% of the county is in the killing zones.	

24	<ul> <li>epidemiological culling or 'epi-culling', which involves killing up to 100% of badgers across a large area in response to a new cluster of herd breakdowns. Epi-Culling was first introduced in Cumbria, and has been adopted on a trial basis in parts of England over the past five years. Oxfordshire is now being considered by DEFRA for future epi-culling programmes.</li> <li>A recent scientific report shows that epi-culling is ineffective as a control measure. However, DEFRA, Animal and Public Health Agenda, the bTB Hub/NFU and British Cattle Veterinary Association, continue to advocate its use.</li> <li>This council therefore : <ol> <li>Re-affirms our opposition to badger culling and condemns the introduction of epidemiolocal culling which has been shown to be an ineffective control measure for bTB.</li> <li>Asks the cabinet to consider a specific policy that badger culling will not be permitted on council owned land.</li> <li>Requests that the leader writes to DEFRA making clear our continued opposition to the cull and any extension of it in size and scope, especially with regard to epidemiological culling.</li> </ol></li></ul>	
24	Motion by Councillor Eddie Reeves Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2	M Reeves SEC Bartholomew
	This Council considered setting up a Congestion Commission as part of its last budget debate. This measure was not taken up at the time. However, this Council now considers that it is time for such commission to be established.	
	This Council notes that its ambitious suite of traffic management measures is due to be	

	This Council regrets that it has not historically managed the expenditure of section 106 and associated development agreements well. Too often, monies destined for local facilities have been left dormant, with members and	
	Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2	SEC Walker S Middleton S Fenton
25	Motion by Councillor Kieron Mallon	M Mallon
	measures and advise as to whether other measures might be given effect after next year's local elections as supplements or substitutes for such policies. In resolving to request Cabinet to establish a Congestion Commission, this Council envisages that it would comprise elected members, local businesspeople, public sector leaders from the Council's health, education and blue light partners, civil society and faith group leaders, and academics with relevant expertise in the field.	
	For clarity, the purpose of a Congestion Commission is not to water down or frustrate the administration's policies, for which there is budgetary provision. Rather, its object would be to assess the likely effectiveness of such	
	• Workplace Parking Tax £21m.	
	<ul> <li>Expanded Zero Emissions Zone £25m;</li> <li>Traffic Filters (Four-sector Plan) £11m;</li> </ul>	
	If all such measures go ahead, Oxfordshire motorists could be hit by £57million in fines and charges over a five-year period broken down as follows:	
	rolled out, in large measure, before the next set of elections to Oxfordshire County Council in May 2025. These include Oxford's traffic filters and workplace parking tax, which are now largely enshrined in the Council's budget and will take place unless there is a change of administration next year.	

	<ul> <li>parish council colleagues being forced to make circuitous enquiries of Council officers and/or developers to ascertain the correct position in respect of funds, which have been allocated to local communities and yet have not been spent.</li> <li>Following work undertaken by the Place Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee and elsewhere at the Council's 'Localities' meetings, it has been suggested that as much as £278 million of public money has been unspent on improving local facilities.</li> <li>This Council requests Cabinet to ensure that there is regular reporting of unspent development monies at all Localities meetings (such frequency to be determined by the second sec</li></ul>	
	relevant Chair) and requests that the Leader and relevant Cabinet Member produce a report for the Council's next appropriate Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee meetings as to how such funds are to be more effectively spent.	
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26	Motion by Councillor Donna Ford Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2	M Ford SEC Champken- Woods S Fenton
20	Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3	SEC Champken- Woods
20	Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2 Councillors note the increasing number of vacant bank and building society buildings on our high streets, which are largely the result of technological change. The loss of community banking services is of concern to many residents, especially older constituents and	SEC Champken- Woods

27	Banker service where customers can talk to their banking provider about more complicated issues. Community Bankers work on rotation, with a different bank or building society available on each day of the week, to ensure fair and equitable access to major banking and building society customers. Council requests the relevant Cabinet member for Community and Corporate Services and the Cabinet Member for Finance to take a lead from forward-thinking colleagues at Buckinghamshire Council and, working with its Town Council, and District Council partners , invite banks and building societies that have left – or are due to leave – our high streets to explore opportunities to work with this Council to set up similar banking hubs within appropriate Council libraries. Motion by Councillor Ian Snowdon Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2	M Snowdon SEC Reeves S Middleton
	This Council recognises that the voice of small and medium-sized enterprises ('SMEs'), social enterprises and co-operatives have, too often, been overlooked.	
	This Council resolves to request the Leader of the Council to appoint a Small Business & Social Enterprise Champion to provide a single point of contact for local businesspeople, directors of social enterprises and co-operative workers, and advise members attending Cabinet and relevant scrutiny committees of the impact of Council policies on such organisations, which are the lifeblood of our local economy.	
28	Motion by Councillor Pete Sudbury Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2	M Sudbury SEC Hicks S Middleton

Last year, this council unanimously agreed a motion committing to "meet the needs of today without compromising the wellbeing of future generations".
We recognise that we are currently failing that by adding to accumulated harms from legacy climate pollution, which already vastly overshoots safe limits. That overshoot has doubled in the last 15 years.
We note "baked in" consequent economic damages of at least 20% of global GDP by 2050.
We note all reputable scientific/ energy industry bodies recognise the need for "negative emissions"; sequestering more CO2 than emitted, at multiple billions of tonnes annually from the late 2030s.
We regret the unavoidable additional negative impact on future generations' wellbeing of the requirement to finance this removal of our waste and we are alarmed at the lack of credible plans to build up the required technologies to the level of sequestration required, partly due to lack of current demand.
We agree it is unacceptable potentially to leave our children and grandchildren with an impossible, unaffordable task to avoid a ghastly future.
<ul> <li>We therefore request Cabinet to:</li> <li>1. Promoting local R&amp;D and commercialisation of emerging negative emission technologies (NETs).</li> <li>2. Going beyond net zero, into negative emissions on our own account, at the earliest reasonable opportunity, in</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>ways that have local environmental/ economic benefit or contribute to scaling up NETs.</li> <li>3. Working with our partners, suppliers and our networks to build a significant level of "demand pull", further</li> </ul>

	stimulating the growth of NET supply chains.	
29	Motion by Councillor Ian Corkin	M Corkin SEC Simpson
	Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2	
	At the recent excellent "Better Together" conference, organised by Oxfordshire Parent Carers Forum, many parents described feeling isolated and abandoned as they tried to navigate the special needs jungle. In truth, many of the challenges were similar, but each felt that they were the first people to face them. They described feeling alone, anxious and abandoned as they tried to make sense of a highly complex system, and that while the various stakeholders had their own priorities, no one was advocating just for them.	
	Equally striking at the conference were the many voluntary and third sector organisations who can be that advocate. However, one parent talked about trying to match her child's specific needs with the multiplicity of support as like "playing 3D chess when you are exhausted".	
	Despite it being a statutory requirement, parents were critical of OCC's offering; in particular, the layout and format have not been optimised, some information is missing and the search criteria are inadequate leading to hundreds of results or none. Recognising the importance of this resource to	
	<ul> <li>service users, this council requests Cabinet to:</li> <li>Carry out an urgent review of best practice in curating and promoting the local offering</li> <li>To work with the voluntary and third sector to ensure they have comprehensive and up to date data</li> <li>To work with users to co-design a site that is accessible to its target audience</li> <li>Put advocating for the parent/carers at the heart of the new design, so no parent has to feel abandoned.</li> </ul>	